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For first nine homes in Elba's ongoing flood buyout program
Elba officials say FEMA approved sending out letters on appraisals totalling \$468,000

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the most recent Elba City Council meeting, it was reported that FEMA had approved the appraisals for the first nine homes included in the 2015 flood buyout program for the city.

Assistant city clerk Pat Boothe said the city had received approval from FEMA to send out letters to the first nine program participants regarding the appraisal offers for the properties. She said \$468,000 in appraisals were approved with the first nine homes.

Mayor Mickey Murdock said the letters being sent to the property owners would offer three options - 1. Accept the offer based on the appraisal amount; 2. Reject the offer completely; or 3. Opt to have another appraisal completed at the property owner's expense. He also noted there was a time limit on these options for response by the property owner.

Boothe told council members the state department of transportation (DOT) had completed inspections on three bridges in the city - one on Caroline



Officials with the Corp of Engineers were in Elba recently for the annual inspection of levee. Initial indications were that the inspection went very well.

Street, the bridge on the school campus road; and a bridge on Larkin Road. She said code enforcement officer Bryson Dear had participated in these inspections with DOT officials.

Also, Boothe noted the Corp of Engineers had completed its annual inspection of the levee. She said based on feedback from officials during the inspection, Elba anticipates getting back a very good report once all data has been analyzed.

An ongoing issue regarding trash pickup within the city limits had council members suggesting overtime was allowed to get things caught back up. City officials had said they would be running

two trucks to catch up on trash pickup; however,

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Troy man arrested on rape and sexual abuse charges



Jeffrey Marlon Hamm

The following morning, Tuesday, May 26, Jeffrey Marlon Hamm, age 52, of Troy was arrested and charged with rape - first degree and sexual abuse - first degree. He was placed at that time in the Coffee County Jail, where he later was released on a \$75,000 bond (\$60,000 for the rape charge and \$15,000 for the sexual abuse charge).

Hamm, owner and operator of M. Hamm Construction LLC in Troy, was, according to District Attorney Tom Anderson, a contractor helping bush hog a field for the victim's husband as a Father's Day gift in Coffee County where the incident allegedly took place.

Chelsea Cooper announces candidacy for Mayor of Elba

Chelsea Cooper, age 36, is running for mayor of Elba, Alabama.

First and foremost, among Cooper's priorities is building an Elba in which residents can build careers and support families.

"Gavin and I grew up in Elba, started kindergarten and graduated high school together," Cooper said. "We did what our parents did, went off to college, then brought what we learned home. We want to make sure our children have the opportunity to do the same."

Chelsea and Gavin's oldest, Cora, is a second grader at Elba Elementary. They look forward to her little sister, Farris, joining her in pre-kindergarten at Elba Elementary.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." — Albert Einstein

LAST THURSDAY MORNING . . . The number of confirmed virus deaths in the U.S. had surpassed 100,000. That is just a small portion of the 1.7 million confirmed cases of the coronavirus in America. The United States has had 28 percent of global deaths despite having only 4 percent of the world's population. Alabama's cases jumped to 18,246 this week, with a third of those cases (or 5,609) since the state relaxed restrictions. Health officials think the jump in cases is likely because of both increased testing and increased spread of the virus. The good news is that medical reports indicate 9,355 Alabama citizens are presumed to have recovered from the virus.

Those illness numbers above are disturbing but frankly not as disturbing as hearing of deaths from the virus right here in Elba, Ala. As we noted a couple of weeks ago, it hits home when you actually know someone with the virus. Even though deaths are a very small percentage of those struck with the bug, it shocks us even more when it is locals who are being added to the ever-growing death stats list. After talking with someone who worked closely with the person, or observed how this person led an inspiring life, then you are quickly back to that embarrassing question, "Why him/her Lord?"

We agree with the U. S. Supreme Court's rejection of the California church that claimed the strict rules imposed by states, particularly California, to curtail the spread of the coronavirus were illegal. In a 5 to 4 decision the Court supported the ban on gatherings, including churches. The court decision centered around balancing the public health crisis and the constitutional protection of religious freedom.

July 14th is the new date for the previously postponed 2020 Primary Run-Off Election in Alabama. There are only three (3) contested (Republican) races on the ballot. Two are statewide races and the third is a District 2 Representative race. They are a U.S. Senate seat, U.S. Representative seat for Alabama District 2, and a Court of Criminal Appeals seat. None of the six candidates seeking the nomination in the three mentioned races is doing any advertising, as far as we can see. Maybe their polling shows the voters have formed concrete opinions on who they will be voting for and the battle is over.

The national news media is quoting a person who responded to the rioting across America with this comment: "That's not going to bring my brother back." The comment was not from a politician, a journalist nor a white person who doesn't understand the issues. It was from the late George Floyd's brother, Terence, responding to rioting and looting that continues to take place in many cities and states. Folks we agree with this grieving brother. There are issues that are long overdue a solution but rioting, destroying property, including their own neighborhood stores, will never solve those issues. Solutions will only come when ALL segments of society sit down and work the kinks out of our everyday life and move forward united in our beliefs and actions.

Be Safe friends . . . wear your face mask and WASH YOUR HANDS . . . this thing is not over yet!

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Elba's 4th of July event will be fireworks only this year

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 concerns and need to continue to practice social distancing, Elba Chamber and City of Elba officials chose to limit this year's 4th of July event [Let Freedom Ring] be a fireworks only event this year.

Elba Chamber director Sandy Bynum said the Let Freedom Ring event has been highly attended in the past, and there were continued concerns of being able to keep proper social distancing for the crowd if the event was held as normal. Therefore, knowing the fireworks show is the main attraction of the event, it was decided to host only the fireworks this year.

Bynum said she submitted a plan to the Alabama Department of Public Health and the State Fire Marshal's Office to get approval to still host the fireworks event, and Elba was granted that approval provided that everyone practices proper social distancing. She said the request is that those attending this year's 4th of July fireworks show park and watch from their vehicles.

The fireworks show, presented by Mike Holderfield, will begin promptly at 9 p.m. on the 4th of July. The fireworks will be shot from the same downtown location as in past years, which will allow folks to park practically anywhere they choose in the downtown area and still be able to watch the beautiful display.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, May 26, and Monday, June 1, 2020, conducted the following activity:

TUESDAY, MAY 26 —

Officers responded to a prowler complaint in area of 800 Block of Troy Hwy (1:33 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 318 Smith Ave (3:01 a.m.); Officers responded to a fire service call at 320 Old Samson Rd (9:53 a.m.); Officers responded to a trespassing complaint at the Elba Food Giant (11:16 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint on Ann St (11:23 a.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at 725 County Rd 401 (5:24 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Sawyer St (5:32 p.m.). Also, on this date, there was one traffic stop reported with a warning issued.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27 —

Officers responded to a domestic complaint at Regency Apartments (8:33 a.m.); Officers responded to a traffic accident reported on Collier Circle (1:02 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at 1771 County Rd 250 (10:19 p.m.). Also, on

this date, there were nine traffic stops reported with one written citation; six warnings, and two advice given.

THURSDAY, MAY 28 —

Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint at the Elba Work Release facility (12:36 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 1021 Martin Luther King Dr (10:29 a.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 1237 Jones Circle (12:01 p.m.); Officers responded to a trespassing complaint at the Elba Food Giant (11:16 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint on Ann St (11:23 a.m.); Officers responded to a harassment complaint at 725 County Rd 401 (5:24 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person complaint on Sawyer St (5:32 p.m.). Also, on this date, there was one traffic stop reported with a warning issued.

FRIDAY, MAY 29 —

Officers responded to an ATV complaint at 990 Hwy 203 and an arrest was made (3:15 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at 2154

Taylor Mill Rd (10:06 a.m.); Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint at 934 County Rd 401 (1:59 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic complaint on Simmons St (3:07 p.m.). Also, on this date, there was one traffic stop reported with a warning issued.

SATURDAY, MAY 30 —

Officers responded to a report of suspicious circumstances on Court Ave (2:45 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of theft of property at 826 County Rd 401 (11:32 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of burglary at 200 Brunson St (11:50 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle at 1303 Highland Dr (6:39 p.m.); Officers assisted another agency at 14399 Hwy 84 (11:34 p.m.). Also, on this date, there were eight traffic stops reported with three citations issued, four warnings, and one arrest.

SUNDAY, MAY 31 —

Officers responded to a report of a gas drive off at the Inland store (11:26 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of a suspicious person on Hwy 166 (2:33 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of a prowler on Adkinson Ave (8:53 p.m.); Officers responded to a report of shots fired on Reynolds Ave (9:47 p.m.). Also, on this date, there were eight traffic stops reported with three citations issued, four warnings, and one arrest.

MONDAY, JUNE 1 —

Officers responded to a domestic complaint at 1157 Morrow Ave (12:25 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious vehicle complaint at 244 County Rd 502 (2:54 p.m.). Also, on this date, there were six traffic stops reported with all six receiving warnings.

Cuzin Lou Lou's Tales from Yonder

Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's column is meant for entertaining purposes only as she shares her stories.

Cuzin Lou Lou has quickly discovered over the past few months that being a 'puppy momma' is a lot harder than she ever anticipated...but, she would not trade it for anything now!

At times little Sophie is the sweetest little angel in the world. Other times, she is known as the household terrorist!

Sophie will be 4-months-old on Saturday! Cuzin Lou Lou decided earlier this week that equates to the terrible 2's of a toddler.

On Sunday, Cuzin Lou Lou and Sister set out on an afternoon adventure. Upon returning home, Sophie's excitement to see her mama was heartwarming, and it made Lou Lou smile from ear to ear.

"Only if everyone loved me as much as you do," Lou Lou said to her little angel.

Fast forward to Monday afternoon, and Lou Lou gets a phone call from Papa after he checked on that sweet little angel at home.

Yeah...not so much an angel anymore. Probably more like the Tasmanian devil!

Sweet little angel that Sophie is, Mama [aka Lou Lou] was positive letting her roam free in the house while alone would be no problem at all.

Joke was on Lou Lou! I think Sister could be heard laughing all across town Monday evening, much to Lou Lou's dismay.

Alter ego Sophie [household terrorist] decided to go

on a rampage Monday. She somehow managed to unplug a lamp and proceeded to chew the cord into pieces [said lamp was moved to the trash pile]. The kicker, though, was she managed to rearrange decorative stand in the family room of the house!

Sophie weighs 8 pounds! This stand with all the stuff on it, probably weighs double her weight or more, and she moved it from the corner of the room where it has been since the day Lou Lou moved into the house four years ago. When Papa found the path of destruction made by the little household terrorist, it was in the middle of the room (somehow still standing)!!

So, Lou Lou comes home and puts 'sweet angel' Sophie in her play pen, and zips it shut. Well...best she could because 'bless that baby' she has been teething and chewed one of the zippers where it no longer works properly.

Lou Lou was going to outsmart little Sophie and she used safety pins to close that part of the play pen where the little angel could play in her little space and not cause any more damage to the house.

Yeah... Once again...joke on Lou Lou.

Little eager beaver Sophie figured out a way to get the safety pins to pop open, and she escaped! This time even Papa laughed at Lou Lou.

As of this writing, Lou Lou is still contemplating exactly how to confine the sweet little angel by night turned household terrorist/escape artist by day. A new plan has been formulated, and fingers are crossed that this time Lou Lou has the upper hand.

Stay tuned on who wins the battle... sweet little Sophie or her struggling mama!

In case you have not figured it out by now, Sophie is the queen of the house and she knows it!! Until next time, wash your hands, keep smiling, and God Bless!

In Remembrance of Hillard Hamm

Celebrating A Good Man

A lot of guys out there. Think they're men
Because they act tough and talk rough
Real men know that wisdom

Is true strength...

That gentleness is a virtue...

A lot of guys brag. Real men don't have to.

Their actions speak louder than words.

A lot of guys blame.

Anyone and everything

For what doesn't go their way

Real men accept life's challenges

And use them to grow...

How do I know all this?

Because I've watched Hamm.

And I've seen how a good man,

A real man, Leads a good life.

So many people are celebrating you today.

And I'm proud to be one of them...

Your love of people will never be forgotten

R.I.P.

From Your Wife Ann Hamm & Family

Sunrise
April 8, 1928

Sunset
March 14, 2019



Hillard Hamm

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Boothe said there had been issues with one of the trucks and it was in the shop for mechanical repairs.

Council members said they were hearing complaints about trash not being picked up in a timely manner as well as noticing it themselves. They asked the mayor would it not be feasible to offer overtime work to employees to allow for the trash pickup to get caught up.

The mayor was agreeable to the suggestion. Council members asked that city hall to consider having a trash truck running from 6 a.m. until 7 p.m. each workday until things are caught up.

Council member Gappa Wise began a discussion with Police Chief Leslie Hussey regarding a recent issue of golf carts, ATVs and UTV's being driven on city streets.

Hussey said the biggest problem had been the ATVs' and UTV's which run at a higher rate of speed than golf carts. He said golf carts were not the main concern.

The council set the work session for Thursday, June 4, at 6 p.m. at Elba City Hall. Work sessions are open to the public, but with COVID-19 safety protocols in place those who attend, it was decided, would need to keep 6-feet apart and wear a face mask while in attendance.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Berry was preceded in death by two sons, James Levell Berry and Greg Berry, and by his parents, Fannie Merle and L.V. Berry, and Philip Rodgers.

Survivors include his son: Jacky (Mary) Rodgers, New Brockton; daughters: Jessica (Tim) Bowers, Elba, Ala., June (Levarl) Wallace, Enterprise, Ala., Janet (Manfred) Skirde, Jennifer (Farrell) Kyser, and Jeanine (Matthew) Danley, all three of New Brockton; Julia (Michael) Sanders, Elba; along with numerous grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

JAMES LARRY (J.J.) WALLACE JR.

Mr. James Larry (J.J.) Wallace Jr., age 47, a resident of Hartford, Ala., died Saturday, May 30, 2020, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

"J.J." worked for the Coffee County Highway Department for many years prior to having to take a disability leave due to ongoing health issues.

Graveside services were held June 2, 2020, at the Wise Mill Assembly of God Church Cemetery with Rev. Shawn Crosby officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home. The family requested memorials be made to the Wise Mill Assembly of God Cemetery fund, c/o Chelita Hodge, 233 County Road 224, Elba, Alabama 36323.

J.J. was preceded in death by his mother, Ann Marler Wallace.

Survivors include his son: Jamie Wallace, Hartford; father: James Larry Wallace, Luverne, Ala.; sister: Fran (Neil) Hughes, Goshen, Ala.; brothers: Jason Wallace (DeAnn), Enterprise, Ala., and Macky Wallace, Glenwood, Ala.; nieces: Anna Hughes, Glenwood, Felicity Wallace, Enterprise, and Ruby Cherry, Hartford; nephews: Ben Hughes, Glenwood, William Wallace and Grason Wallace, both of Enterprise, and William Cherry, Hartford.

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"We have to promote and

Deadline to register to vote in July's Primary Run-Off Election is June 29th

Monday, June 29, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline for registering to vote in time for the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election.

The Board of Registrars' office is located in the Coffee County Complex, 1065 East McKinnon Street New Brockton, Al. Requirements to register to vote are:

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2. Person must live at the address provided on the application to register; and

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

CLARA MAE RODGERS

Mrs. Clara Mae Rodgers, age 88, a resident of New Brockton, Ala., died Saturday, May 30, 2020, at the Elba Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Funeral services were held June 2, 2020 at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. John Grainger officiating. Burial followed in McGhee Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Joseph Rodgers; along with sons, Joseph E. Rodgers, and Jimmy Dean Rodgers; as well as two granddaughters, Brandy Danley, and Phillip Rodgers.

Survivors include his

son: Jacky (Mary) Rodgers,

New Brockton; daughters:

Jessica (Tim) Bowers, Elba,

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The Proper Etiquette for Photographs at Funerals

Since everyone has a smartphone with a built-in camera, it's possible to photograph any event or person at any time. While this can make for some great family memories, it's important to have some discretion when it comes to what you're photographing.

In general, it is wise to avoid taking pictures at a funeral or a memorial service unless specifically asked to do so by the deceased's family. If you truly must get a picture of relatives at the service, do so outside of the building either before or after.

Should the family of the person who has passed ask you to take some pictures, be sensitive as you do so. This means photographing people in natural light instead of using a flash when possible. Your ultimate goal is to take the necessary pictures without disrupting those who are mourning at the service. Quietly circulate throughout the room and take your shots. Do not disrupt the experience so you can grab a picture.

Also bear in mind that many people will be crying and distressed at the funeral. Respect the difficulty of the situation and give these people privacy. Those in attendance should be allowed to have their private moments. In almost all instances, photographing the person who has passed is considered to be in extremely poor taste. Only do so if the family specifically asks you. If you are asked to take a picture of the person who has died, do so discreetly and without using the flash.

If you are in attendance at a funeral or a memorial service and are

tempted to use your cell phone camera, think twice before you do so. If

you think you have a valid reason for needing to photograph the event,

you should still check with the family of the deceased, the funeral director, or a member of the clergy prior to beginning to take pictures. They

can provide guidance about what they feel is and is not appropriate.

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Voters who want to update

their voting information to

reflect a change in name or

address should contact the

Board of Registrars. The

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Board of Registrars is

334-894-5347.

For further information

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Board of Registrars, 1065

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New Brockton, Al. 36323.

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CHURCH NEWS

Pastor's Corner

by Dwight Johnson, Lead Pastor
ELBA FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

1 Kings 14:25-27 records some really sad words: "In the fifth year of King Rehoboam's reign, King Shishak of Egypt came up and attacked Jerusalem. He ransacked the treasures of the Lord's Temple and the royal palace; he stole everything, including all the gold shields Solomon had made. King Rehoboam later replaced them with bronze shields as substitutes..." So many lessons here.

We all have "treasures." No, not your banking institution. This is a safe place deeply within your soul, where you safeguard God's intangible blessings. Things deposited there are a result of your love for God, and your carefully cultivated relationship and consistent walk with him. Many times, these treasures have developed over years. Problem is, carelessness can open the doors of our treasures. When that happens, a waiting enemy seizes the opportunity to invade, and steal our treasures. Note that when the King of Egypt ransacked Rehoboam's treasures, he was unmerciful. He stole..." everything." Satan, our spiritual enemy, will do the same. Jesus warned that "The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy." (John 10:10)

Careless leads to compromise. Because Rehoboam allowed the enemy in, the treasured gold shields of his father were stolen. This led to Rehoboam's compromise of bronze shields being used instead. He could have rationalized his compromise, and probably did. After all: didn't the bronze shields look like the gold shields? They would work okay, wouldn't they? Not really. Truth is, all that glitters isn't gold. Bronze might be flashy. Bronze might be impressive. But bronze isn't as pure, which means that it isn't as valuable.

If we let our enemy steal our treasures, we can get by for a while. We can compensate. We can even fool people. But after a while, the bronze will begin to tarnish, and the truth will be known. The solution? Stay pure. Don't compromise. Guard your treasures from the thief.

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Christian Mission conducting drive-thru food distribution at its local area centers

The Christian Mission Centers has been blessed with an abundance of food during these compromised days.

In an effort to meet the needs of the communities that are served locally by Christian Mission Centers, the organization will host a drive-thru food distribution at all locations beginning Tuesday, June 2nd.

The schedule is as follows

- Enterprise Location (231 Geneva Hwy)-Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Geneva Location (801 East Town Ave.)-Tuesdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

- Elba Location (342 North Court St.)-Thursdays from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Recipients may receive one box per week, and up to two gallons of milk. All CDC social distancing guidelines will be followed.

Newbia Baptist Church's building closed currently due to COVID-19

Newbia Baptist Church recently returned to hosting in-person church services after Governor Kay Ivey relaxed the COVID-19 public safety guidelines that allowed church services to again be held inside the buildings, if desired. Of course, continued social distancing measures were still in place.

However, after it was learned last Sunday, May 31, that a person associated with the church had tested positive for the coronavirus, the decision immediately was made to close the church building until further notice, according to church leadership. This decision was made for the safety of the membership and in an attempt to prevent further

spread of the virus.

Updates on the status of services for Newbia can be found on the church's Facebook page (@ Newbia Baptist Church).

Basin Baptist Church reminds all to tune in Sunday mornings on Facebook for church

Basin Baptist Church has altered its presentation of Sunday Morning Worship to be able to still bring the Word of God to its people.

Until the church is able to safely reopen the church building for its regular services, Basin Baptist Church will continue offering a Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m. on its public Facebook page (look for Basin Baptist Church).

Round and About with Eria's Daughter

(334) 897-3611



Scripture: The safety of the faithful [Psalm 4:1-8]

lead others closer to Jesus, not drive them farther away from Him.

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Mamie Belcher, Helen Thigpen, Mae Sue Dawson,

Alan J. Belcher, Emily Newman, Betty Moore, Shambria Samuel, Juanita Jackson, Georgia Nelson

June Birthdays / Anniversaries

Rev. Timothy Williams 6/1

Charveha Williams Watson 6/1

Jean Waters Trocman 6/1

Ariel Malai Hutchinson 6/2

Angel Whitfield 6/2

Mienundra Banks 6/2

Eric Coleman 6/2

Mamie Belcher 6/3

Lorinzer (Red) Cole 6/4

Marion R. Jones 6/5

Kimberly D. Kelley 6/5

Greg and Kenya Martin 6/5

W.A.

Burlie Jones 6/6 (in memory)

Tommy and Mary H. Robinson 6/6 W.A.

Thought to Remember

In uncertain times God remembers His promises.

Questions for the Week of 6/4/2020

Multiple Choice

Q: Simeon was said to have been waiting for the (disciples), (warriors), or (consolation of Israel)

Q: In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus read from one of the prophets, which one? (John), (Isaiah), or (Luke)

Today is a good day! Be grateful.

Eria's Daughter, Sue

AA/NA meetings

Encourage anyone who needs the meetings to attend. These meetings are held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at Elba Church of Christ, 715 Troy Road, Elba.

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COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIGHT OF MEN

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service ... 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Dale Morgan, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

ELANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service ... 7:00 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train ... 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship ... 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Service ... 7:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Tony Starn, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:30 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Service ... 7:00 p.m.

BUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Donna Clegg, Pastor

Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service ... 7:00 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Dwight Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Tom Anderson, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service ... 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Service ... 6:30 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Renau, Pastor

Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.

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LIFESTYLES



ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 PRESENTED A 50-YEAR PIN Thursday, May 28, 2020, to Jimmy John Kelley (center) of Jack, Ala. The pin was presented by District Lecture Brother Billy Wilkerson (left) and Mr. Kelley was officially pinned by his daughter, Stacey Kelley Flowers (right). Mr. Kelley's brother also received a 50-Year Pin during this ceremony.



ELBA MASONIC LODGE #170 PRESENTED A 50-YEAR PIN Thursday, May 28, 2020, to Hubert Kelley Jr. (center) of Jack, Ala. The pin was presented by District Lecture Brother Billy Wilkerson (left) and Mr. Kelley was officially pinned by his niece, Stacey Kelley Flowers (right). Mr. Kelley's brother also received a 50-Year Pin during this ceremony.

Alabama's new missing and endangered person alert took effect this week

Governor Kay Ivey signed into law an expanded version of Alabama's Missing Senior Alert, now to be known as the Missing and Endangered Person Alert, which became effective Monday, June 1.

Currently, the Missing Senior Alert may be issued for missing citizens with Alzheimer's disease or dementia and at risk of bodily harm or death. The newly expanded alert also will include individuals ages 18 and older who have a mental or physical disability and who are at risk of bodily harm or death.

ALEA's Secretary Hal Taylor said, "In the past, our Alabama Fusion Center has faced the challenge of how to alert the public when a missing individual is too old to meet the criteria for an AMBER or Emergency Missing Child Alert and too young to meet the criteria for a Missing Senior Alert."

According to Alzheimer's of Central Alabama, wandering is a danger for 60 percent of those living with Alzheimer's. The organization recognizes the need to include anyone ages 18 and older who has a mental or physical disability and who is at risk of bodily harm or death in the state's new Missing and Endangered Person Alert.

The new Missing and Endangered Person alert is one of four alerts administered by the Fusion Center, a unit within ALEA's State Bureau of Investigation, at the request of law enforcement agencies. The list of alerts also includes:

- AMBER Alert: for a child ages 17 and younger who has been abducted and is believed to be in danger of serious bodily injury or death

- Emergency Missing Child Alert: for a child ages 17 and younger who is missing (not abducted) and believed to be in danger of serious bodily injury or death

- Blue Alert: for a peace officer who is missing, injured or killed and the large suspect is believed to be a serious threat to the public



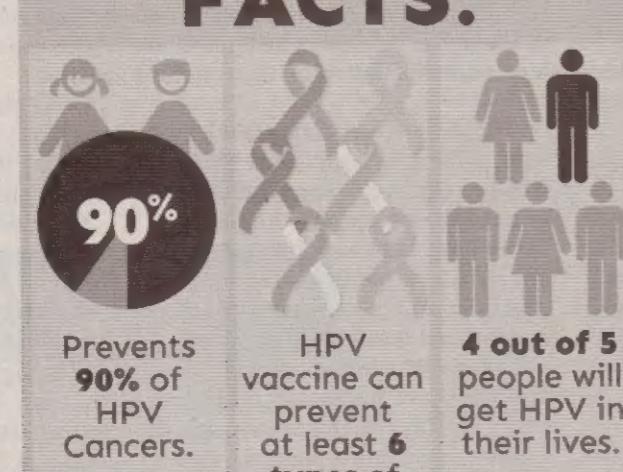
FOUR FRIENDS THAT ATTENDED ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S PRE-K PROGRAM for the 2019-2020 school year celebrated their graduation from the program recently. While graduation was different for this group in that COVID-19 public safety restrictions forced the school to conduct a 'drive-up' graduation ceremony, these four grads were able to capture a moment together afterwards. Now, they are ready for Kindergarten in the fall! Congrats to Carter Kelley, Kennedy Nelson, Ahna Carpenter, and Kyrian Hammonds.

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Coffee County Probate Judge Jodee R. Thompson invites citizens to visit the election website. While there one can:

- *Obtain a voter registration application
- *Check registration status
- *View, download, and print a sample ballot
- *Find a polling location
- *View the offices up for elections
- *View a current list of elected officials
- *Obtain an application to vote absentee, and much more

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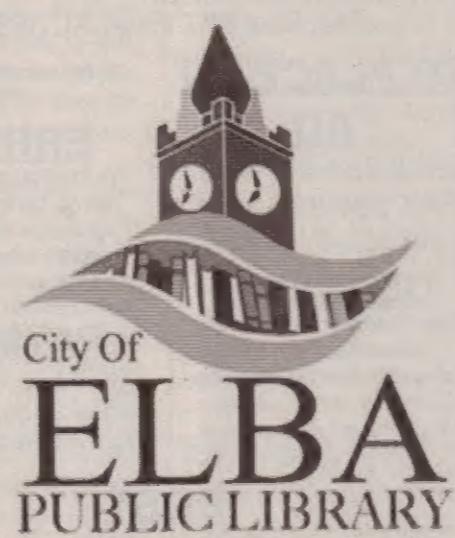
The Elba Public Library reopened Monday, June 1, by appointment only.

While all library services have resumed, library director Jennifer Amlong said there would be no programming, group meetings or rental of the community room currently. Items being returned should still be placed in drop box located out in front of the library building.

"Thank you for your understanding these last few months," said Elba Public Library director Jennifer Amlong. "We are excited to see everyone!"

Maximum capacity for the building is five patrons, and there is a 30-minute time limit being exercised. Call 334-897-6921 for availability.

Masks are required upon entering building. Please follow all posted guidelines.



2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show now slated for Saturday, July 11, in Elba, AL

The 2nd Annual Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show received new life recently as the date for the event was rescheduled to Saturday, July 11, in Elba, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

The car show previously had been scheduled to be held in both March and May, however, the coronavirus health pandemic caused it to be canceled both times. Event organizers are optimistic the new July date will now happen!

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This event is hosted by the Foggy Bottom Cruisers group, and all proceeds from the car show are donated to benefit the Elba Public Library.

The Foggy Bottom Cruisin' Car Show, which is held on the square in downtown Elba, will feature cars and trucks of all makes and models. There also will be arts and crafts vendors on site throughout the event.

Admission to the public is free!

For those interested in showing their vehicle in the show, there is a \$20 entry fee, and registration is from 8-10 a.m. the morning of the show. Trophies will be presented to the winners.

The public test is open to the general public and is invited to attend. This public testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

For more information about entering a vehicle, contact Kenneth Calhoun at (334) 313-5505; and for more information about arts and crafts contact Larry Goodson at (334) 464-1613.

Follow the Foggy Bottom

NOTICE:

On Tuesday, July 7, beginning at 1:30 p.m. a public testing of the DS-200 voting machines to be used in the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election will be conducted at the Farm Center Coliseum Building at the Coffee County Complex, Hwy 84W, New Brockton.

The public test is open to the general public and is invited to attend. This public testing is pursuant to §17-7-25 Code of Alabama, 1975 as amended.

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CEC conducts annual meeting business by mail & online

As an active member of the community, Covington Electric Co-op takes great pride in the success of its annual meeting.

Many CEC members look forward to coming together each year to conduct business and enjoy entertainment and prizes. Since this year's CEC annual meeting gathering was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the co-op's business was handled in a new way.

All CEC members received election ballot packets in the mail in late April and they had until May 26, to cast their vote in the board election and to provide input on whether the co-op should participate in bringing high-speed broadband to its service area. More details about this effort will be shared with the CEC membership through Alabama Living magazine in the coming months.

Even though CEC could not hold an in-person gathering for their annual meeting, the co-op was still able to conduct important business and they also awarded participation prizes. Winners were randomly drawn through an electronic process conducted by the independent tabulator.

CEC had two board seats up for election which included the districts of Enterprise and Samson. The Enterprise board seat was left vacant with the passing of long-time CEC board member James F. Martin Jr., in March. Two candidates, John B. Carter and Trey Martin, ran for

science, English and math. Two mechatronics courses will also be offered online this summer for any interested in starting the program. Long said ESCC plans to continue to offer a multitude of online academic course options in the future.

When campuses closed March 17, instruction and student support services transitioned online.

"It has been really impressive to see our instructors meet the challenge of transitioning to an online environment," Dean of Instruction Danny Long said. "They kept their focus on meeting the needs of our students without jeopardizing the quality of instruction. Our faculty is the heart and soul of our College, and they give the administration of the College confidence that we can meet any challenges we may be faced with in the future."

The transition to online learning was a smooth one, according to ESCC President Matt Rodgers, because of the hard work and patience of the employees and students.

"I commend the faculty and staff at Enterprise State and the Aviation College for their hard work during this time, and I am proud of the great attitudes of our students as they adapted to the changes," he said.

Academic courses were completed online this spring semester. Technical classes, like those offered at the AAC campus, were ultimately suspended until hands-on training could be completed. No date has been set for students to return to campus to complete their spring semester training.

Rodgers said there is an understanding that the needs of the workforce could change as a result of COVID-19, a challenge both Colleges will rise to meet when students can return to campus.

"We realize that colleges will have to be flexible," Rodgers said. "This is a new day and age where people will need to be re-trained or receive new training in a different field. We will use the resources available to us to offer the type of training people need to help get people back to work in the safest manner possible."

Academic courses will continue to be offered exclusively online at ESCC for the summer semester, with classes in areas like business, computer

PPEs in campus buildings while maintaining social distancing guidelines. AAC instructors have also been working to prepare classrooms and labs to be in compliance with new social distancing guidelines for the day students can return to campus for training.

"Reopening our campuses will not be an event," Rodgers said. "It will be a process that requires much care and planning to ensure its success. Our primary concern is the safety of our faculty, staff and students. We also want to make sure all of our people are properly trained and equipped. We are taking every possible measure to create the safest environment possible for both of our campuses."

While ESCC/AAC prepare for the return of students to campus, renovation projects to learning facilities and a beautification project to ESCC's courtyard are currently in progress or in the pre-construction stages.

At ESCC, bathroom upgrades in Wallace Administration Building are complete. Renovations to Sessions Hall, which houses the College's science and math classes, are ongoing, and a courtyard beautification project was recently approved, with work starting May 18. Both the Sessions Hall and courtyard project are expected to be completed this fall.

At AAC, renovations to the Rufus Barnett Building have been approved, with work expected to begin in the fall. Once renovations are complete, this building will have a new lobby, testing rooms, classrooms, offices, restrooms and a new engine overhaul lab.

Other projects, like a new CDL canopy and renovations to the AAC Learning Resource Center, are also in the pre-planning stages.

The ultimate goal of all the projects and preparations, according to Rodgers, is to make sure ESCC/AAC continue to serve their communities during uncertain times.

"Through the good times and the bad, we stand ready to serve," Rodgers said. "We view our role as critical in the recovery process of this pandemic, and we take pride in being the community's college. We are thankful for the support we receive, and we will continue to serve our community in any way we can."

SPORTS NEWS

Views From
The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both my daughters headed down to the beach over the weekend in an attempt soak up some sun before summer workouts begin in the days to come with their teams. Lawson still doesn't like to get up early, but was up with the birds the day of the trip and was more than ready to get some sand between his toes and ride the waves. Nanny and granddaddy sat out this weekend's trip, but may join them before the summer ends for one last trip to the beaches.

For what it is worth....

*** Summer workouts have started at high school all across the state and hopefully that means some things are beginning to get back to normal. Teams can't actually practice until late-July, but can work on team and individual skills and can also get in the weight room and on the track to get in shape before the hard work actually begins. Here at Elba, new head football coach Marc Sieving was a little more than excited when we talked over the weekend about the start of workouts. He made the time to meet his players and get to know what makes them tick before school closed back in March, and feels like everyone will be on the same page once they all get back together. His biggest concern is the time it will take to install the team's new offensive and defensive schemes. Having ten days in spring would have certainly helped put in the basic of the new schemes, but the players have been introduced to the new plans over social media and should at least have an idea of what to do and where to go once they hit the field. With changes happening almost daily due to the pandemic, Coach Sieving wisely put together a plan just for the month of June, and will make changes for the months to come as guidelines and instructions come from national and state leaders. I know times have changed forever and what was the norm in the past may be in the past, forever, but just the fact the high school players and coaches are back together working toward the beginning of a new season pumps new hope and excitement into us all.

*** It is interesting to read about the plans discussed by the professional sports leagues dealing with the opening of their seasons. Golf is scheduled to begin in two weeks with no fans, while baseball is eyeing a start in early July and the NBA hopes to get back on the court in late July. I cannot understand the plans to get back with no fans in the stands in baseball and basketball. Certainly there is someone that can write a computer program that will seat fans from different groups the magic 'six feet' apart to alleviate health issues. This will obviously cut back in the number of fans at games, but would still allow at least a third of the number of fans usually at the games to be there in person. As I have written before, if this disease is going to be here forever, lets just make plans to keep on going and make the best of our lives. Common sense works wonders, and I believe we all have enough common sense to do what is best for us all.

Free fishing day is set for June 13 across the state

On Saturday, June 13, Alabamians and out-of-state visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater.

Free Fishing Day is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 6-14. The event allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing Alabama has to offer without purchasing a fishing license.

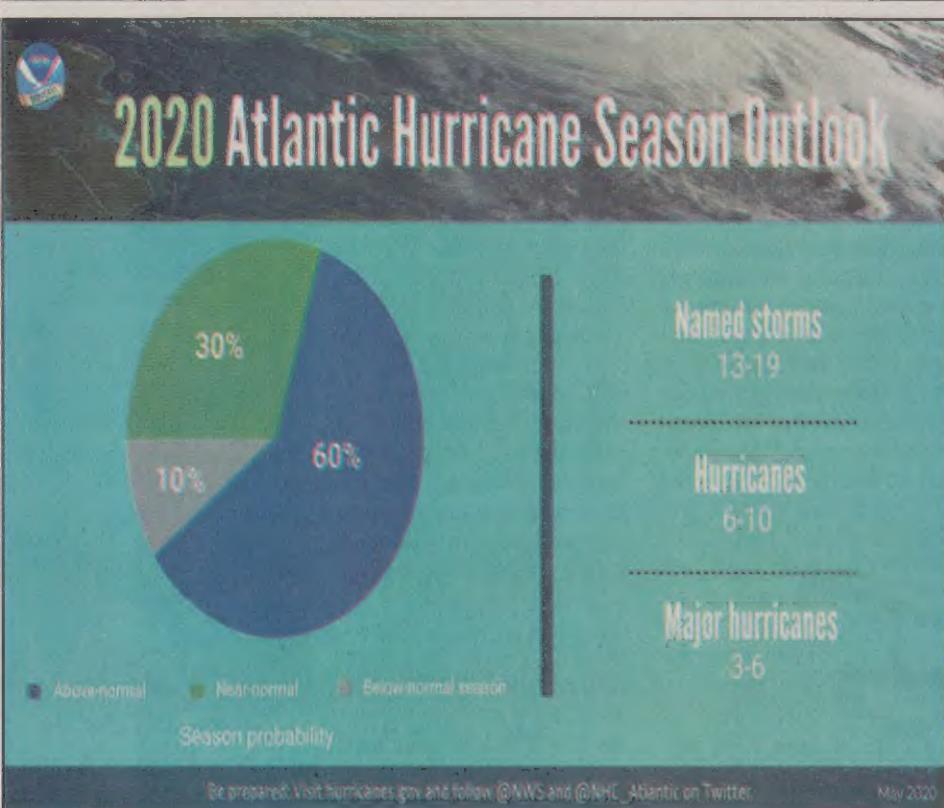
"This is the perfect opportunity for non-anglers to test the fishing waters and to remind former anglers of all the fun they've been missing," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). "It's also a day for kids to learn how fun and exciting fishing is, while giving families a chance to do something together outdoors."

Free Fishing Day takes place during Alabama's red snapper season. While fishing license requirements are waived for Free Fishing Day, those fishing for red snapper will still need a \$10 Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement and a free saltwater angler registration. For more information call the Coffee County Lake at 334-447-2384.



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COMMUNITY NEWS



Elba City Schools excited to add additional Pre-K classroom for 2020-2021 school year

Governor Kay Ivey and the Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education recently announced the nationally-recognized, high quality Alabama First Class Pre-K program would add 55 new classrooms this fall.

As a result of the selection process, Elba City Schools (ECS) was chosen out of 123 classroom applications to receive a \$120,000 grant to start a second Pre-K classroom.

Due to the additional classroom, seven to ten more student slots are available and ECS is excited to make this addition available to the community.

"In order to take advantage of this opportunity, complete the online registration for your child at <https://alprek.asapconnected.com>," said Kenya Martin, Elba Elementary School counselor.

Enrollment is open to all children four years of age or on or before September 1, 2020* who are residents of the state of Alabama (children who are eligible for kinder-

garten are ineligible). Enrollees must provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization record (may be uploaded into the online pre-registration site or submitted directly to the local school/program).

There is no registration fee for this program, and no child will be denied participation on basis of income, sex, race, color, national origin, or disability.

This program is currently set to start on August 6, 2020. There will be a parent/student orientation set for July 30, 2020.

Parents will receive more information in their orientation letter that will be mailed approximately two weeks prior. The Registration Parent Guide* will offer detailed information to assist in the registration process.

"The faculty and staff of Elba Elementary are excited and look forward to meeting you!" Martin said.

*Please note step 15 of the Registration Parent Guide is not applicable.

NOAA

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high-activity era began in 1995.

"NOAA's analysis of current and seasonal atmospheric conditions reveals a recipe for an active Atlantic hurricane season this year," said Neil Jacobs, Ph.D., acting NOAA administrator. "Our skilled forecasters, coupled with upgrades to our computer models and observing technologies, will provide accurate and timely forecasts to protect life and property."

As with every hurricane season, the need to be prepared is critically important this year.

"Social distancing and other CDC guidance to keep you safe from COVID-19 may impact the disaster preparedness plan you had in place, including what is in your go-kit, evacuation routes, shelters and more.

With tornado season at its peak, hurricane season around the corner, and flooding, earthquakes and wildfires a risk year-round,

Hurricane preparedness is critically important for the 2020 hurricane season, just as it is every year. Visit the National Hurricane Center's website at hurricanes.gov throughout the season to stay current on any watches and warnings.

The 2020 hurricane season officially opened Monday with tropical depression three already active. Tropical Depression 3 was located in the lower parts of the Gulf of Mexico earlier in the week.



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2 Enter your First and Last Name in the displayed fields.

3 Type your desired username under Choose your username. Your email address will be your username followed by "@gmail.com" which is already typed for you. Enter a password for your Gmail account under both Create a password and Confirm your password.

4 Enter your birth date and gender in the fields provided. Skip to the bottom and click Next step. Scroll to the end of the Privacy and Terms and click I Agree.

5 You may be asked to verify your account. If so, enter a phone number and indicate whether you wish to receive a verification code by a text message or voice phone call, then click Continue.

6 When you receive the verification code, enter it and click Continue. You will receive a welcome message stating your newly created email address.

7 To begin pre-registration, open a Chrome, Safari, Firefox, Internet Explorer, or other web browser on a computer, tablet, laptop, or smartphone.

8 Note: As you fill in pre-registration information, type carefully using correct capital and lowercase letters. The information you enter will go directly into our database.

9 In the address field at the top of the screen, type in alprek.asapconnected.com and hit Enter. (Do not use "www" in the address.) You will see the First Class Pre-K Online Pre-Registration welcome page. Carefully read the information provided, then click the link at the bottom to go to the next page.

10 Read the additional information provided carefully, then select the Create An Account button. Each family may create only one account.

11 Fill in required fields about your family with correct information. An error message will display if all required fields are not completed. Those with red asterisks beside them are required.

12 You may upload proof of residence (current utility bill or copy of lease or mortgage). If you do not, you must deliver a copy to each school/program for which you pre-register.

13 At the Create Your Login Info section, enter a valid email address and create a password for your Pre-Registration Account.

14 Next, provide the First Name of the child you are pre-registering as it appears on the Birth Certificate. You may pre-register an eligible sibling by clicking the Add Another Child button. Click Next.

15 Fill in required fields about the child with correct information. You will repeat this process for each child you are pre-registering.

16 Note that you may upload a copy of your child's birth certificate. If you do not, you must deliver a copy as proof of age to each school/program for which you pre-register. When fields are complete, click Next.

17 After you have entered information for each child you are pre-registering, you will be asked to carefully review what you have entered, and will be given the opportunity to edit and correct any mistakes. Please ensure that names and addresses have been entered correctly.

18 Click the Select button at the bottom of the screen to begin selecting the schools/programs for which you wish to pre-register.

19 Carefully read the directions provided for selecting schools/programs.

20 Select one or more counties from the green drop-down menu at the top left of the screen, then scroll down to view the list of schools/programs available in the county or counties you selected.

21 Note that the program type and address of each school/program is provided.

22 Click the Register Now button beside each school/program you are interested in having your child attend. Note: If registering for a public school, verify with the school system that your residence meets its zoning requirements before selecting that location.

23 After each selection, you will have the opportunity to continue selecting schools/programs to check out. After all desired programs have been selected, click the button to proceed to Checkout.

24 On the Pre-Registration Summary page, read the information provided and make corrections as needed.

25 Then click the Continue Checkout button at the bottom of the page.

26 If you wish, click the Print Confirmation button to keep a record of your pre-registrations.

27 To finalize your pre-registration, you must click the Log Out button at the bottom of the confirmation page. Once this is done, you will receive an email confirmation of your pre-registration.

28 What happens next? All First Class Pre-K programs will hold their random drawings between the dates of March 1st and 31st. Programs will draw names to fill their available positions, then continue drawing names to determine the order of names to go on the waiting list.

29 During the week of April 16th, families will receive emails notifying them of their child's pending (selected for an available position) or waitlisted status for each program they selected. This notice will go to the email address provided at pre-registration. For each program in which the child was chosen for an available position, the parent/guardian should contact the director of the program to accept or decline the position.

For the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election in Alabama
Deadline to apply for absentee ballot is Thursday, July 9th

Thursday, July 9, at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to apply for absentee ballots for the July 14th Primary Run-Off Election.

Applications for absentee voting are available at the absentee election manager's office in New Brockton, Coffee County Courthouses, and online at www.coffeecountyvotes.com. The Absentee Election Manager is Linda Mills her mailing address is P.O. Box 427, New Brockton, AL 36351. Physical location is 1065 East McKinnon Street, 5 County Complex, New Brockton, Alabama. Telephone number: 334-894-1100.

Any qualified voter may

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- The voter works a shift that has at least 10 hours, which coincide with the hours the polls are open at the voter's regular polling place.
- The voter is a student enrolled in school outside the county of residence.
- The voter is a member, a spouse or a dependent of a

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Alabama voters voting under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act may receive additional information by contacting the Board of Registrars office or the office of the Alabama Secretary of State for expanded options.

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